

Not Always This Bad by Tortellini

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Summary:

Max had to deal with a lot. She confides in her friend. He too feels the need to then pass along at least part of the information to his unofficial babysitter...which ends up to be interesting.

Oneshot/drabble

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"I don't know what to do," Max whispered. She hated sounding like she needed help. Absolutely hated it. But out of everyone she knew she was positive that she could trust Lucas. "Everything's gotten worse. I mean, my step-brother's always been a dick but now he's just angry all the time..." She frowned. "Sorry. I'm being stupid."

"No! You're not." Lucas said.

She wished she could believe him right now.

Later Lucas had just happened to mention this to the others. Not with Max there, because he wasn't breaking her trust or telling something that was too private. No, he wouldn't do that to her. But maybe Steve Harrington might like to know...

Billy Hargrove hadn't always been this bad. Interesting.

Maybe, just maybe, that meant something could be done to help.